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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): K. AOTA, et al.
Serial No.: 10/600,576
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For: FRICTION STIR WELDING METHOD AND STRUCTURE
BODY
Group: 1725
Examiner: K. Stoner

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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March 22, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 22, 2004, Applicants respectfully submit the following remarks, and enclosed Terminal Disclaimer, for overcoming the rejections as set forth in this Office Action mailed December 22, 2004.

Initially, the provisional rejection of claims 1-8 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting, over claims 1-8 of co-pending Application No. 10/600,611, set forth on page 2 of the Office Action mailed December 22, 2004, is noted. Submitted herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer in the above-identified application, with respect to any U.S. Patent issuing from Application No. 10/600,611. It is respectfully submitted that this Terminal Disclaimer satisfies applicable requirements of 37 CFR §1.321(c). In view of present submission of this Terminal Disclaimer, it is respectfully submitted that the provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection is moot.

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